

Partner Services Certification Training (PS)

Application: Please note application deadlines. Complete enclosed “Partner Services Training Application Form” and forward to the address or fax number indicated on the form. **For more information, contact Tracy Peterson-Jones at (517) 335-0401 or petersont@michigan.gov**

Cancellation: Participants who are not able to attend their scheduled training must cancel at least two working days ahead of the training. **Participants who fail to cancel and who “no show” may lose priority for future trainings and may jeopardize their agency’s priority for future trainings.**

Partner Services Certification Training for Local Public Health That Receive HIV Categorical Funding

The two-day Partner Services Certification Trainings for Local Health Departments are designed to familiarize staff with a number of strategies to control and prevent the spread of HIV and other STDs. Utilizing the update “Recommendations for Conducting Integrated Partners Services for HIV/STD Prevention”, participants will learn about program policy and practices for conducting PS activities. Emphasis will be placed on techniques for working with individuals diagnosed with HIV and other STDs to identify their at-risk partners so prevention counseling, testing and referral services can be provided. Participants will learn skills to conduct thorough field investigations and techniques for personal safety. In addition, participants will learn skills to enhance partner services delivery. Individuals registering for this course **must** have received prior certification as an HIV Test Counselor. **The course is required for all HIV test counselors who are employed in a local health department and who are designated to conduct PS field investigation activities.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Registration deadline</u>
March 16-17, 2017	Detroit	February 23, 2017
June 22-23, 2017	Lansing	June 1, 2017
September 21- 22, 2017	Detroit	August 31, 2017

Fee: None

Partner Services Update Certification Trainings

The PS Certification update has been *revised* to include two sections. These two parts include the **completion of the updated PS Web course**, as well as attending a **face to face interactive skills building activity course**. The PS Web course includes a basic overview of PS ranging from the Michigan HIV Laws to completion of the necessary forms to initiate PS.

High morbidity health department PS staff is now required to complete the online course, and also attend an interactive skills building course from the *dates* below.

Low morbidity health department staff may complete the PS online course, if they choose to maintain their PS certification to continue to provide PS prevention counseling, elicitation and partner referral within clinical settings.

1. Topic: The “Graying” of HIV

This update will examine the “graying” of the HIV epidemic. The CDC predicted that 50% of PLWH in the United States will be 50 years old and older by 2015, a proportion that rises to 71% by 2020. This update will discuss ways in which local health departments can assist seniors in the delivery of partner services.

Date:

April 27, 2017

Location:

Detroit

Registration deadline:

April 6, 2017

2. Topic: HIV & HCV

This update will examine the coinfection with HIV and HCV among HIV-infected injection drug users. According to the CDC about one quarter of HIV-infected persons in the United States are also infected with Hepatitis C virus (HCV). This update will examine effective service delivery to clients co-infected.

Date:

October 27, 2017

Location:

Lansing

Registration deadline:

October 6, 2017

Specialized Partner Services Training Courses

Application: Please note application deadlines. Complete the “*Module 3: HIV Test Counseling and PS for Local Health Department/PS Update/ Specialized Training Application*” form and forward to the address or fax number indicated on the application. **For more information, contact Tracy Peterson-Jones at (517) 335-0401 or petersont@michigan.gov**

1. Topic: PS & Perinatal Care

This training will examine services to ensure effective linkages between HIV care and prenatal care with the goal to eliminate mother-to-child perinatal HIV transmission.

Date:
July 20, 2017

Location
Lansing

Registration deadline:
June 29, 2017

“Developing Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Through the Lens of Health Equity” Specialized Training

Application: **Please note:** Registration for this training is on a first come first serve basis. Information to register is sent out approximately one month prior to the training dates to individuals who have expressed an interest in attending. If you are interested in attending the CLAS Training, forward your contact information including email address and the date for which you are interested to **Shronda Grigsby, Michigan Department of Community Health, Division of Policy & Innovation, Health Disparities Reduction and Minority Health Section** at (517) 335-1586 or grigsbys1@michigan.gov

Topic: Developing Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS)

This two-day training will assist participants in applying a health equity/social justice lens to the implementation of CLAS Standards, learn about a framework for cultural competency development and apply it to personal, organizational and community change. Explore issues of power, oppression, privilege and change at four levels – personal, interpersonal, institutional, cultural, and discuss ways of implementing what you learn to in your individual organizations. The trainings will be held in **April & August 2017**.

Date & Location:

Dates & Locations to be Determined

Partner Services Web Course

For High/Low Morbidity Public Health Departments

Partner Services (PS) is pleased to announce the availability of the “*Partner Services web course.*”

This web course is designed to provide staff of local public health who conducts PS with basic information ranging from Michigan HIV Laws, essential information needed for elicitation, and the completion of the necessary forms to initiate PS.

This course is ***required*** to be completed by PS staff of ***high-morbidity health departments***, in addition to attending a face to face interactive skills building course.

Low morbidity health departments may complete the course if they choose to maintain their certification to continue to provide PS prevention, elicitation and partner referral within clinical settings.

Accessing the Web Course

This course is available through the online public health training clearinghouse known as MITRAIN. MITRAIN is accessible at mi.train.org. All persons who access the PS Web course will need to register, and ***get approved*** by the MDCH Course administrator to take the course.

How the Web Course Works

It takes approximately 40 minutes to one hour to complete the web course (which involves reading the modules and completing the quiz after each module). Each quiz must be completed successfully to move on to the next module. Each quiz consists of 4 to 6 questions, which include matching, multiple choice, and true or false. Only those who successfully complete all quizzes (80%) will be able to print a certificate of course completion. Participants are encouraged to have a printer readily accessible and functional in order to print the certificates immediately after successfully completing the course.

The certificate of course completion should be used as documentation to: 1) verify individual test administrator completion; and 2) for quality assurance and accreditation site visits for **low morbidity local health departments**.

High morbidity health departments will utilize the certification of course completion, and attending the face to face skills building course for the purpose of quality assurance and accreditation site visits.

For information regarding course information, contact:
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